

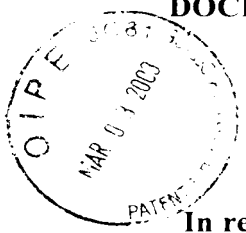
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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

primarily refers to an RNA molecule encoded by an isolated DNA molecule as defined above. Alternatively, the term may refer to an RNA molecule that has been sufficiently